



**CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE
PAY-AS-YOU-GO ESTIMATE**

August 5, 1998

**S. 2344
Emergency Farm Financial Relief Act**

As cleared by the Congress on August 3, 1998

Enacting S. 2344 would affect the timing of federal outlays within fiscal year 1999, but CBO estimates that the legislation would have no effect on total outlays in 1999 or in any subsequent year.

S. 2344 would authorize the early disbursement of up to 100 percent of the fiscal year 1999 payments to eligible producers pursuant to production flexibility contracts. Under current law, producers would receive a 50-percent advance payment for their 1999 production flexibility contract on either December 15, 1998, or January 15, 1999 (at their choice), and a final payment before September 30, 1999. S. 2344 would allow the Department of Agriculture to issue the payments for the entire year—estimated to total \$5.5 billion—as early as October 1, 1998.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Jim Langley. This estimate was approved by Robert A. Sunshine, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.